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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America
as a government of the people, by
the people, for the people, whose just
powers are derived from the consent
of the governed; a democracy in a repub-
lic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign
States; a perfect Union, one and insepar-
able, established upon those principles of freedom, equal-
ity, justice, and humanity for which American patriots
sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is
my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitu-
tion; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it
against all enemies.

A NEW INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made Saturday that the
members of President Wilson's cabinet have decided
to call a new Industrial Conference in an effort to establish
industrial peace. The new conference will be a much
smaller body, as it will consist of but fifteen persons and
no attempt will be made to divide it into classes. The
names of those called will be suggested by the members
of the cabinet.

The country will approve this action. There is not the
slightest reason why the effort to solve in a practical man-
ner the fundamental industrial problems of the country shall
be abandoned simply because the first attempt ended in a
failure. We have been permitting matters to drift in this
country too long. That policy has accentuated the unrest
and contributed to the confusion of the popular mind. We
need a lot of affirmative action, but it ought to be well
thought out action, and an industrial conference is a proper
and logical first step.

It is to be hoped, however, that the members of the cabi-
net, upon whom will fall the responsibility of choosing the
new conferees have learned through the reception that was
given the announcement of the names of the people called to
the first conference that a whole lot depends upon calling
the right kind of men and that there will not be a repetition
of the mistake of calling men whose mere presence in a
gathering intended to bring about general agreement merely
serves to intensify class prejudices.

It would be hard to overestimate the importance of the
service which men invited to take part in such an effort can
render the country. The cabinet need not hesitate to draft
the very biggest men the country has. And surely there
are fifteen men among our hundred million whose intel-
lectual attainments are so conspicuous, and whose spirit
of fairness is so well known, that the whole well disposed
public would be willing to abide by any decision they agree
upon.

What we need is an industrial conference of such con-
spicuous mental and moral prestige that no one will dare
challenge its findings.

PUBLIC OPINION.

A RATHER pointed illustration of the power of pub-
lic opinion when it is thoroughly aroused is afforded
in the outcome of the effort to produce German opera in
New York city in spite of an order of the mayor of the
town against it.

That mayor, who always was a poor stick, did not
have the resolution to enforce his order. Probably with
the idea of shifting the responsibility to other shoulders he
announced that he would ask the law department of the
city government about the legal right of the city to prevent
performances in the German tongue while the United
States was still technically, but not actually, at war with
Germany. Whereupon the manager of the opera company
went into court and secured a temporary injunction restrain-

ing the city from taking steps to stop the production. Argu-
ment on this took place Saturday, but the judge who issued
the writ announced that because of press of other impor-
tant business before him he could not render a decision at
that time.

The effect of this was to continue the temporary order,
and as far as the court was concerned the city could go on
furnishing police protection for an amusement enterprise
which its chief executive had declared should not be per-
mitted. But at this point the manager of the company an-
nounced that he had resigned and that there would be no
performance Sunday or tonight. His letter to the board
of directors of the company which was backing the pro-
duction said that "continuance of the project seemed dis-
tinctly unprofitable in the face of public opinion," and
that he "had not been in sympathy with opposing the city
officials, the American Legion and the press."

Public opinion is the mightiest force in the country. It
is greater than supine and inefficient executives, greater than
dilatory courts and greater even than the law itself. There
would be less complaint about miserable local government
in this country if the public more fully realized that and
acted upon it. We have flabbiness and crookedness in
local government all over the United States simply because
the people in office know that the public is too indifferent
to care much how they are functioning.

POINDEXTER ANNOUNCES.

SENATOR MILES POINDEXTER, representing
the state of Washington in the United States senate,
but a native son of Tennessee, has formally announced his
 candidacy for the Republican nomination for president,
and is therefore the first man formally to enter the race.

The Poindexter announcement has been expected for
some time, but the tone of the candidate's statement will
secure for it an amount of public attention out of all pro-
portion to its actual news value.

A candidate for this office who at a time when the coun-
try is in a state of ferment and uncertainty over both do-
mestic and international policies has the high courage to
denounce "government by terror, for a special class," and
call for action which will make the government supreme
to both capital and labor is no mere politician seeking pre-
ference.

Of course brave words cannot make a candidacy for the
presidency. The record of the man must square with what
he says before the people will take serious interest in him.
How well Poindexter will stand the inevitable scrutiny
remains to be seen, but it will be heartening to the public
to find that the first man to enter the lists for the campaign
of 1920 stands so firmly for the fundamental idea of this
Republic—equal rights for all; special privilege for none.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of Theodore
Roosevelt, a former president of the United States, an
officer of the army of the Republic and a really great
American. Yesterday King Albert, of Belgium, went to
Oyster Bay and placed a wreath upon the grave of the
man who was such a staunch advocate of the cause of
his stricken country. Every American can stand at this
mound in spirit today and just as sincerely express
admiration and gratitude simply by making a contribu-
tion to the Roosevelt Memorial fund.

Timothy Shea has served notice upon congress that
if the pending anti-strike legislation is passed the rail-
road brotherhood of which he is the acting head will
not observe it. It is only fair to say in Mr. Shea's behalf
that if he had had a little time to reflect he would not
have made such a statement. There was a time when
capital thought it was above the law, but when the
government made up its mind that it was time to shatter
this idea capital climbed down rather hurriedly and
there are some capitalists who never quite recovered the
prestige they lost at that time. Leaders of organized
labor are electing to a similar experience if they
actually are thinking along the lines indicated in Mr.
Shea's statement.

In Germany they are beginning to worry about the
financial condition of the government and at a public
session of the national council held Saturday night a
government representative declared that it would cost
Germany as much now to wind up the war as it did to
conduct the four years of fighting. That would sound
preposterous if one did not remember that Germany
of all the belligerents did not attempt to pay in part for
the war as it went along. The basis of all German war
financing was indemnities from a defeated foe at the
end of the struggle. There was some war profits tax-
ation, but the public did not have to pay like the people
of this country. Great Britain and France did. The
result of this policy is that they will now have to pay
after it is all over, and when they get under their bur-
den the feeling that Germany was not defeated will
quite likely disappear. When the German masses get
completely the fact that war instead of being a paying
business is one of the most costly a step in the direction
of universal peace much longer and much more impor-
tant than anything that the League of Nations could
bring about will be taken.

The governors of West Virginia, Illinois and Ohio
have already announced that they will stand behind the
President upon any policy he may adopt for the protec-
tion of the public in the event of a coal strike. Other
governors will fall in line too, but the most important
single factor is that the great American public will also
line up solidly behind the government in an issue of this
kind.

RUFF STUFF

Not so many fellows to put in jail
you see.

The coming Red Cross roll call is
going to be a humdinger of a suc-
cess.

Sunday papers did not arrive in
town yesterday until late in the after-
noon.

Pastors who noticed a marked in-
crease in attendance at the morning
service may draw their own conclu-
sions.

Ordinary black ink for the Presi-
dent and red ink for the Governor.

And yet—

Steel strike managers report that
they will put the strikers who are
without funds on a commissary sys-
tem soon.

That's getting the thing down—
or, depending upon the way you look
at it—to the Russian condition pretty
promptly.

Only difference is that the food card
is issued by the union instead of by
the government as it is in Russia.

And, of course, the union will pro-
vide better food and more of it—
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Russian Symphony Orchestra Coming

Modest Altschuler and the celebra-
ted Russian Symphony orchestra of
New York city comes to the Grand
opera house at Fairmont Thursday,
November 13, under a guarantee of
\$1,500. The date was selected owing
to the fact that the Fairmont Rotary
club meets on that day. The engage-
ment grew out of negotiations which
were at first started by the Fairmont
Woman's club. The large guarantee
frightened the music lovers of North-
ern West Virginia and induced the
management to provide Sasha Viti-
chenko, Russian composer and virtu-
oso of the tympanon, as an extra attrac-
tion. This was possible as he is show-
ing at Cleveland two nights previous
and will be at Uniontown, Pa., No-
vember 14, where he also appears as
an added attraction with the Russian
Symphony orchestra. Many music
lovers of Northern West Virginia have
heard this orchestra at the Pittsburgh
Exposition of recent years. It is by
long odds the biggest musical event of
all time in Northern West Virginia and
delegations will be arranged for from
the West Virginia university at Buck-
town, Wealeyan college at Philippi,
Broadus college at Glenville, Fair-
mont Normal at Fairmont and every
woman's organization in Northern
West Virginia is interested.

MRS. MARY FLEMING IS BURIED TODAY

Many Relatives From Dis-
tant Cities Were Here
for the Funeral.

Funeral services over the body of
Mrs. Mary A. Fleming, aged 78, an es-
teemed resident of this city whose
death occurred Saturday afternoon at
2:45 o'clock at her home on Locust
avenue, were held this afternoon at
2:30 o'clock from her residence and
interment was made by undertaker R.
L. Cunningham.

Mrs. Fleming had lived in this city
for a period of 70 years, 46 of which
had been spent in the old family
homestead on Locust avenue. Mrs.
Fleming had been in declining health
for a period of years and in the last
few weeks her condition had grown
decidedly worse.

She is survived by the following
children: Mrs. S. F. Nuzum of Wil-
mington, Delaware; Mrs. L. M. Pearse
of Zanesville, O.; Mrs. S. G. Sherrard
and F. M. Fleming of this city. Mrs.
Nuzum and Mrs. Pearse arrived here
Saturday on account of her illness.
Two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Riley of
Flemington, and Mrs. Maria Jones of
the East side, also survive.

Mrs. Fleming was born in Pennsylv-
ania but came here at an early age.
She was a woman of pleasing person-
ality and had a host of friends who
learned of her death with regret.

Mrs. J. T. Greese daughter of Mr.
F. M. Fleming of Zanesville, Ohio,
Will P. Nuzum, grandson of Wilming-
ton, Del., and Fred and Roland Pearse
of Zanesville were all here for the fu-
neral. Other relatives here for the fu-
neral were Mrs. Ellen Martin of Zanes-
ville, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Will
Martin of Zanesville and Mr. and Mrs.
P. A. Riley of Flemington.

The services were conducted by the
Rev. C. E. Goodwin, pastor of the
First M. E. church and music was
furnished by the choir of the M. P.
Temple of which church the deceased
was a member.

TRUTHS AND TRAVESTIES

By Th' Bard.

Tenshun!

I see in the papers this morning
that a fellow named Miles Poindexter
wants to be President of the United
States. A picture of him shows that
there is no hair on the top of his head
and only a little fringe lurking about
his ears. The events of the next few
months will no doubt result in a
Poindexter becoming entirely bald.
And besides I don't think he has a
chance in the world of being elected.
His name is too fancy. Poindexter!
Sounds like a flower used for deco-
rations at Christmas time. I also saw
in the paper Saturday where J. C.
Buckley, the new pastor of the Dia-
mond street Methodist church in his
church notice says "Splendid audi-
ences have thus far greeted the new
pastor who hopes to see more and
more of the members at each service."
This is a remarkably frank statement
to be made by a minister, but I fear he
is doomed to disappointment. It is
the wrong season. Rev. Buckley should
have been here last summer when the
bathing beaches were popular. He
could then have seen more of his audi-
ence than the cold weather of this win-
ter will make advisable. However, if
this "more and more" business is to be
cumulative, as he intimates, I think
I will start attending his church. I feel
sure there will be others join me. If
he should suggest it I would be glad to
pledge my attendance clear through
until next Easter. By that time, if his
plans work, a Sunday morning spent
at the Diamond street church should
be a pleasant and diverting occasion.

Parade Rest!

Mary is a fickle thing
And changes with the season;
And when you ask her why she does,
"Because" is her only reason.

Present Arms!
I mentioned to the Girl In The Of-
fice this morning that it was remark-

able how the women of the present
day were going in for cuts, and she
said they might as well go on the stage
as chorus girls and be done with it.
For she saw a Scotchman wearing one
one time and it was one of the most
shocking exposures she ever wit-
nessed.

Ground Arms!

"Dear Government:—This is to let
you know that I am staying a while
with my folks at Simpkins Falls,"
wrote a certain lady in compliance
with the injunction of the War Risk
Insurance Bureau to inform it of all
changes of address.

All Hands On Deck!

Topical Tips:
Stay away from saloons. The man
who spends his time hanging around
the grog shops will never puzzle over
an income tax return.

A sturdy one ton trailer can be built
to run behind the automobile to carry
the money when on a shopping tour to
buy groceries. On the return trip the
groceries can easily be stowed under
the front seat.

Return to Quarters!

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.
Joe Fitch of Randall was admitted
to Fairmont hospital yesterday suffer-
ing with rather serious injuries. P. R.
Dahart from Philippi was also admitted
suffering from a broken leg.

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yarn and silk embroidery and the charming beading
is used with pleasing effect; their bright, contrast-
ing colors being beautifully set forth by the dark
blue, dark brown and taupe of the exquisite geor-
gette.

This Blouse Section is a Busy Place and you'll
thoroughly enjoy admiring these models with us.

Truthful Advertising Courtneys' Store Dependable Merchandise

Funeral of L. C. Bailey Held This Afternoon

Funeral services over the body of
L. C. Bailey, a respected citizen of
this community whose death occurred
early Saturday morning at his home
at White Rock, were held this after-
noon from the residence of his son, C.
S. Bailey at 515 Field street. The ser-
vices which were largely attended

were conducted by the Rev. W. J.
Eddy, pastor of the First Baptist
church, of which the deceased was a
member, and the deacons of the church
of which board Mr. Bailey was also a
member acted as pallbearers. Mr.
Bailey was a charter member of the
first Baptist church of this city. Inter-
ment was made by Undertaker Cun-
ningham.

The flamingo stands, instead of sits,
on its nest to hatch its eggs.

Making Friends for This Store

The average customer
entering our doors has an
idea of the shop she
wants.

Yet, some advice may
be needed and desired in
some wearing, or price,
feature of the purchase,
especially so this season.

Customers become the
friends of this store be-
cause they receive cour-
teous and intelligent
treatment at all times.

New Fall Shoes

AT \$5 and \$6.50

We have just received
a large shipment of black
and brown shoes in our
women's department that
were ordered several
months ago. We have
placed them on sale at
\$5 and \$6.50.

These shoes I bought on today's market would cost this
price—all sizes now—style as illustrated.

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prove that our officers stand ready to advise and
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